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Addendum

C. Implementation in areas requiring urgent action

3. Means of implementation

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 102 and 103 of the proposed outcome of the special session (A/S-19/14-E/1997/60, chap. I.B) at its ___th meeting, on ___ June 1997.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended those paragraphs to the General Assembly for adoption, as amended:

(a) Paragraph 102 was revised to read:

"102. The further development of cost-effective tools to collect and disseminate information for decision makers at all levels through strengthened data collection, including, as appropriate, gender disaggregated data, including information that makes visible the unremunerated work of women for use in programme planning and implementation, compilation and analysis, is urgently needed. In this context, emphasis will be placed on support of national and international scientific and technological data centres with appropriate electronic communication links between these centres";

(b) Paragraph 103 was revised to read:

"103. A supportive environment needs to be established to enhance national capacities and capabilities for information collection, processing and dissemination, especially in developing countries, to facilitate public access to information on global environmental issues through appropriate means, including high-tech information and communication infrastructure related to the global environment, in the light of country-specific conditions, using, where available, such tools as geographic information systems and video transmission technology, including global mapping. In this regard, international cooperation is essential".